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MSI 203 US (10406788)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Edward Ikeguchi et al.

Confirmation No. 1385

Application No.: 10/667,848

Group Art Unit: N/A

Filed: September 22, 2003

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
CONTINUOUS DATA ANALYSIS OF AN  
ONGOING CLINICAL TRIAL

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR  
NEW APPLICATION UNDER MPEP & 708.02 VIII**

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Dear Sir:

1. Petition Applicant hereby petitions to make this new application, which has not received any examination by the Examiner, special.

2. Claims All the claims in this case are believed to be directed to a single invention. If the Patent and Trademark Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, Applicant will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status.

3. Search Matt Kasap, Inc. has conducted a manual search of the patents subsequent to the filing of the above-identified patent application in class 128,

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sub classes 920, 923, 924; in class 600, subclass 300\*; in class 702, subclass 179; in class 705, subclass 2; in class 707, subclasses 1\* and 100\*. The results of the search, and other information that may be material or of interest, are set forth in an enclosed PTO-1449 Form.

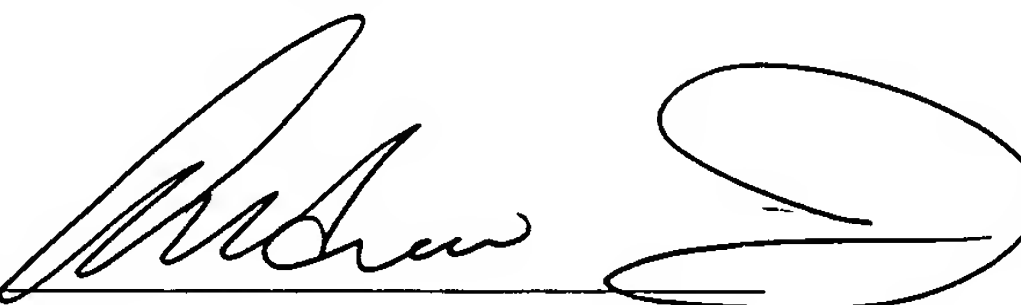
4. Copy of References There is submitted herewith a copy of each reference or other document uncovered in the recent search so as to be deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claim.

5. Detailed Discussion of the References There is submitted herewith an Information Disclosure Statement including a detailed discussion of the references and other documents which particularly points out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over the references and documents.

6. Fee The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the fee (\$130.00) from Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. NY-MSI 203 US (10406788) from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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\* Search in conjunction with the following keywords: predetermine\$, predefine\$, value\$, threshold\$, limit\$, statist\$, ongoing\$, simultaneous\$, concurrent\$ or compare\$